

**Remarks**

Applicants request a reconsideration of the present patent application in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-23 and 25-67 are in the application.

The abstract and drawings stand objected to. Claim 24 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-4, 6, 10 12-15, 24-34, 44-45, 47-48, 51-52, 54, 56-58, and 63-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1). Claims 5, 41-43, and 61-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Walker (U.S. Patent 6,449,616 B1). Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Kovack (U.S. Publication 2002/0095443 A1). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Riley (U.S. Patent 1,090,346). Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Jones (U.S. Publication 2002/0047373 A1). Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Thomas (U.S. Patent 6,301,574 B1). Claims 11, 19, 21-23, 49-50, 55 and 59-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Dabney (U.S. Patent 6,643,663 B1). Claims 35 and 37-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) in view of Kovack (U.S. Publication 2002/0095443 A1)

and further in view of Dabney (U.S. Patent 6,643,663 B1). Claims 36 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1), Kovack (U.S. Publication 2002/0095443 A1), and Dabney (U.S. Patent 6,643,663 B1) and further in view of Reuning (U.S. Patent 6,381,592 B1). Claims 46 and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1) and further in view of Smith (U.S. Patent 5,181,162) and Weeks (WO 98/470083).

The abstract has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. In the drawings FIGs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 11 and 17 have been amended by removing reference signs not mentioned in the specification. In addition, FIG. 6 has been amended by adding the reference sign 700X. Support for the addition of the reference sign is found on page 13, line 2; page 16, line 13; page 28, lines 14 and 31 and page 29, lines 6 and 9. Also, reference sign 700X is analogous to reference signs 500X, 600X, 800X, 900X and 950X, shown in FIGs. 4, 5, 7, 8 and 8a, respectively, in the manner that they are used in the description. No new matter has been added to the drawings.

The specification has been amended to remove reference sign 608a not shown in the drawings, to remove all references to a FIG. 18, and to correct a typographical error on page 5.

There are three independent claims (1, 3 and 51) in the application, and they stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferrel (U.S. Patent 5,584,480 B1). Amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “a news story filter program for periodic extraction of text information from the news print publication electronic files.” Ferrel does not disclose,

nor is it inherent in Ferrel, to periodically extract text information from news print publication electronic files.

Amended claim 3 recites, *inter alia*, “a news story filter program for extracting text information from the news print publication electronic files.” Amended claim 51 recites, *inter alia*, “extracting raw story text and classification information and at least one tag in the raw story text from the news print publication electronic files, converting the text information and preserved tags into a database format, and storing the text information and preserved tags in the editorial database.” Ferrel does not disclose, nor is it inherent in Ferrel, to extract and store a tag in the raw story text from news print publication electronic files.

Finally, amended claim 51 recites, *inter alia*,

extracting raw story text and classification information and at least one tag in the raw story text from the news print publication electronic files,

converting the raw story text and classification information and the at least one tag in the raw story text from the news print publication electronic files into an editorial database format,

storing the converted raw story text and classification information together with the at least one tag in the raw story text as converted story text files in an editorial database....

Ferrel does not disclose, nor is it inherent in Ferrel, to extract and store a tag in the raw story text from news print publication electronic files.

**Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-23 and 25-67 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 11 and 17. These sheets replace the original sheets for these figures.

In FIG. 4 reference signs 522 and 508b have been removed.

In FIG. 5 reference signs 611, 604, 639a and 639d have been removed.

In FIG. 6 reference signs 711 and 704 have been removed. Also, previously omitted element 700X has been added.

In FIG. 7 reference signs 811 and 804 have been removed.

In FIG. 8 reference signs 911, 904, 932a, 933a, 931a, 934a, 935a and 935b have been removed.

In FIG. 8a reference signs 951, 952, 961, 959, 960, 975, 972, 953, 954, 990, 985 and 985a have been removed.

In FIG. 11 reference sign 133b has been removed.

In FIG. 17 reference sign 350 has been removed.

Attachment: Replacement sheets